

Deaf Culture Question of the Week – Dec. 13 - 17, 2010
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Thanks to those readers who have completed the DCQW Survey.
If you haven't completed it, please take a moment to do so. You will provide us with valuable feedback. See link at bottom of this week's question.

The Miss Deaf America Pageant is held every two years as part of the National Association of the Deaf Convention. The current Miss Deaf America is Rachel Mazique from Illinois.

When and where was the first Miss Deaf America Pageant held?

- a. 1980 – Austin, Texas
- b. 1962 – Washington, DC
- c. 1972 – Miami, Florida
- d. 1880 – Cincinnati, Ohio

Answer: “c” – 1972 - Miami, Florida

The first Miss Deaf America Pageant was held in Miami, Florida in 1972 as part of the 31st biennial convention of the National Association of the Deaf. Ann Billington was crowned Miss Deaf America and became the first woman to hold this coveted post as ambassador for Deaf Americans.

The current Miss Deaf America is Rachel Mazique. Learn more about Ms. Mazique here: <http://www.nad.org/news/2010/8/interview-rachel-mazique-nad-miss-deaf-america-ambassador>

Please take a few minutes to complete the DCQW Survey:

DCQW has been published weekly during the school year since January 2008. We want to collect information about who reads DCQW, how you use it (which how is it?), which kinds of questions you like best, etc. We created a short survey to collect information. It is completely anonymous. Please take a few moments to complete our survey. Your feedback will be greatly appreciated.

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